



OUT and ABOUT

1n10 YOUTH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

1n10: A Phoenix Arizona group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth.

Mission Statement: 1n10 provides a safe environment for LGBTQ youth to develop positive self-acceptance through life enhancing programs.

Vision: To ensure all LGBTQ youth are respected, valued, and can be themselves wherever they are.

1n10 provides weekly drop in sessions on Thursdays in Phoenix and on Tuesdays in Tempe. Contact the 1n10 Coordinator for more info at 602-475-7456 or coordinator@1n10.org. The meetings are for all LGBTQ youth and their supportive straight allies ages 14-22.

Youth Council:

Mission:

Vision:

The 1n10 Youth Council is back after a year long recess and we are bigger and better than ever! We have reinvented the Out and About Newsletter for your enjoyment. If there is anything you would like to see in future newsletters, or if you would like to contribute a story, artwork, poetry, article, photos, or anything else, please get in touch with us directly at youthcouncil@1n10.org. We welcome your comments and input!

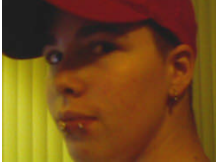
***Out and About reflects personal opinions and interests of youth attending 1n10 programs and does not necessarily reflect the beliefs and opinions of the 1n10 organization, its staff or board of directors. We are excited to have a place to voice our opinions and let our voices be heard!**

Our Coordinator ~ Beck has been with 1n10 since January, 2006. Beck brings over 10 years of theatrical experience working with youth, has served as a co-director for the Free Arts of Arizona summer theatre camp, has worked with the local Gay/Straight Alliances, volunteers with GLSEN Phoenix, and provides LGBTQ awareness workshops to Phoenix area high schools and colleges. Beck began working specifically with the LGBTQ youth community in Chicago in 2000. Serving as a playwright, director, and educational theatre artist, she has traveled the Midwest with LGBTQ youth to educate schools and community groups on LGBTQ awareness, bullying and harassment, through theatrical presentation and facilitated workshops. She has served as a Gay/Straight Alliance advisor for a Chicago public high school and remains an Artistic Associate of About Face Theatre. Beck recently completed an MFA in Theatre for Youth and a Masters Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership and Management, both from ASU. She is the founder and director of QSpeak Youth Theatre.

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Get to know the youth!

This edition's interviewee is: SAM

We wanted to give you the reader a chance to meet US the 1n10 youth. "Get to know the youth" is where one newsletter member (Pam) interviewed a youth member of her choice (Sam). We are so glad Sam is a member of 1n10.

Pam: How long have you been coming to 1n10?

Sam: I have been coming to 1n10 for a little over a month.

P: What keeps you coming back every week?

S: The awesome people and the atmosphere.

P: What is your favorite place to go on vacation?

S: Pennsylvania, I used to go there every summer

P: What is the greatest risk you have ever taken, and how has it changed your life?

S: The greatest risk I have taken was jumping from a really high jump and still landing perfectly without getting hurt. It changed my life because I didn't doubt myself after that.



-Samuel-

P: Would you rather have the power to fly or to be invisible?

S: The power to fly. I'm too outspoken to be invisible.

P: Which superhero do you most identify with?

S: Superman, because sometimes I feel like I'm from another planet.

P: When you are feeling glum, how do you cheer yourself up?

S: Music, poetry, and martial arts.

P: What do you see yourself doing 10 years from now?

S: I see myself either working or in college getting a degree in nursing.

P: What is your favorite breakfast treat?

S: Blueberry Pillsbury Toaster Strudel

P: Any last words?

S: I am so glad I have found this group; it makes my days brighter in Phoenix.

Get to Know A 1n10 Volunteer or Board Member!

"No, I look like a clown in them but I wore a cowboy hat for graduation."

Writer's Note: My goal when given this assignment for the newsletter was to show you a more personal side to someone you see every week at group (or almost every week). I personally see the volunteers at group and wonder what they're like away from Thursday nights. If you have a volunteer that you would like to see interviewed in the next issue of this newsletter or have a particular question you would like asked I encourage you to put them in the pink youth council box or e-mail them to YouthCouncil@1n10.org.

Michelle Henson, Volunteer at 1n10

1. What's your middle name?
My birth name is Patricia."

2. Where were you born?
Landstuhl West Germany on a U.S. Army Base on July 26, 1975.

3. What's your favorite part of being involved in the LGBTQA community?
"Learning about the many aspects, richness, & diversity involved. Also educating others, growing individually & being challenged."

4. What's the craziest thing you've done?
"In High School I saran wrapped a boys car from bumper to bumper. I was involved in a church youth group and we played practical jokes on one another like one time they put a dead cat on the hood of my car because we put maxi pads with ketchup on them all over their car & tied tampons to the antenna."

5. Do you want children?
"I've always wanted kids, I'm not sure if I want to birth them or adopt though."

6. What do you do for a living outside of 1n10?
"I'm a school social worker. I work in the Tempe Union High School District at Tempe & McClintock High Schools. I love my job, it doesn't feel like work."

7. What is your favorite candy?
"Reeses Peanut Butter Cups, I'd do anything for one."

8. Do you have any pets?
"Yes, a dog and a cat. The dog is named Bailee and he is a Jack Russell Terrier, and the cat is named Goliath."

9. Who are your best friends and how long have you known them?
"Aimee, she lives in Michigan and I've known her since the eighth grade. And Ed Ableser who lives in Tempe. I've known him for twelve years."

10. Do you wear hats?

2006 Mid-Term Election Arizona Prop 107 Campaign The Argument For And Against

Jerry Raburn

Throughout the course of unraveling events of American history and politics, there has always been a war within the United States among Americans. This war is without guns or weaponry but it's as powerful as a hydrogen bomb. It's a war which most Americans don't know what it is and that it exists though most Americans themselves are actively participating in it. This is the Cultural War between the traditionalists versus the secularists which as always existed since the fabrication of our republic. And no event has ever made it more for the Cultural War to be visible than every election year whether it be the mid-term election or the presidential election. And every two years there are several issues that have arisen which citizens have a conscious duty to decide on by voting. And one such critically important issue is Arizona Prop 107.

Prop 107 is an initiative on the general election ballot which states "to preserve and protect marriage in this state, only a union between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage by this state or its political subdivisions and no legal status for unmarried persons shall be created or recognized by this state or its political subdivisions that is similar to that of marriage." This initiative does not prohibit gay marriage. There is already an existing Arizona law which prohibits gay marriage, (Title 25, Chapter 1, Article 1, Capacity of

Persons to Marry), which states "a valid marriage is contracted by a male person and a female person with a proper marriage license who participate in a ceremony conducted by and in the presence of a person who is authorized to solemnize marriages and at which at least two witnesses who are at least eighteen years of age participate." So obviously gay marriage is already illegal in Arizona and this initiative does not change that. So what does this law really mean? It means that families where the partners are not legally married, homosexuals and heterosexuals, will lose all domestic partner benefits including visitation rights to the hospital.

Advocates of domestic partner benefits seek to give the same employee benefits that employers have been traditionally providing to married employees and also providing for cohabiting heterosexual and homosexual couples. The theory behind businesses and employers rewarding married workers with premium and other soft benefits is that generally they'll be more motivated to work and become more productive and they'll be healthier and longer-lived, making it good for businesses and the economy. Benefits for married spouses and single individuals are a way of enticing new employees and it keeps good employees from resigning or being terminated.

The proponent of Prop 107 is the Center for Arizona Policy. Their agenda is to ban domestic partner benefits. In their argument for Prop 107, the CPA believes cohabitating relationships are unstable and contribute to a bunch of societal problems. The following is what the CPA has listed that in their opinion has contributed to society's problems:

- ✓ Higher rates of domestic violence when compared to married couples.
- ✓ Higher rates of divorce if the parties later chose to marry.
- ✓ Higher rates of depression when compared to married couples.
- ✓ Significantly more alcohol problems than married couples.
- ✓ More frequent disagreements, more fights and violence, lower levels of fairness and less happiness with their relationships compared to married couples.
- ✓ If children reside in the household, the children have more behavior problems, lower academic performance, and suffer exponentially higher rates child abuse.

(Prop 107 Campaign cont...)

The CPA also advocates the federal Protect Marriage Amendment, which basically states the in the United States, marriage shall and only be define as a union between one man and one woman and that neither the U.S. Constitution nor the constitution of any state shall be interpret it to require that marriage or any legal status that is similar to marriage other than a union of one man and one woman. The CPA also believes that domestic partnerships and civil unions are “marriage counterfeits.” So the main goal of CPA is to pass Prop 107 which will define marriage as a union of one man and one woman and to make domestic partnerships and other current legal cohabiting relationships and the benefits it provides illegal in the state of Arizona.

The opponent of Prop 107 is the No on Prop 107 Campaign directed by Arizona Together. Their main agenda is to preserve and protect the rights of unmarried couples in Arizona and to defeat “Protect Marriage Arizona” Amendment which would ban gay marriage as well as ban all gay and straight domestic partnerships. In the 2000 census there were 118,196 Arizonans that were in a domestic partnership or other legal cohabiting relationships. Only 12,000 of them were same-sex couples. The number of many domestic partners that work for a government sect and other offices including public schools is significant high but it is not statistically proven. But if Prop 107 passes, 118,196 people and families will be affected, roughly 10.7 %. Prop 107 will take away all domestic partner benefits which are vital to families and their children as well as seniors throughout Arizona. Cities such as Phoenix, Tucson, Scottsdale and Tempe will have to stop providing domestic benefits to their employees if this initiative passes.

So with both sides respectfully arguing their cases, it’s up us, the citizens to vote for or against this initiative. So on election day, which is the

Tuesday following the first Monday of every year, vote what your heart desires and what your conscious dictates. Vote to make a difference. Remember there is a war within the United States, a war of cultural differences between the traditionalist and the secularists cause by misunderstanding. It’s our ignorance that makes us different and it divides when we don’t have common understanding. But when we are unwilling to learn and be impartial, we are arrogant. Always have conviction for the true things you believe in and don’t back down from it but at the same time no one is too self-important to understand other people’s feelings and values. So this election year, stand by your convictions but open-up yourself and be less narrow-minded. Weather it passes it or not, reach out and find common ground. That is the most spirited way of participating in democracy.

Being Out and About

By Alan Khoutakoun

What is there to do in the Valley as an LGBTQ youth or adult? Plenty! Arizona is continually becoming more diverse, and opening up to queer friendly events for all ages. 1n10 is an amazing group for youth between the ages of 14-22. The youth group meets every Thursday night at 7pm at the Community Church of Hope on 7th Ave. and Indian School. First Fridays is a wonderful event organized by Artlink that provides free self-guided tours of Downtown Phoenix's many art galleries. First Fridays is held on the first Friday of every month and it's free! The GLSEN Days of Action are amazing events that allow teens to stand up and show their voice in the gay community. These are just a few of the events that go on in the Valley, and below is a month by month calendar of events. Call us at 602-475-7456 for more info or to add your event to our calendar

October – LGBTQ History Month!!

Oct. 5th – 1n10 Phoenix

For more info log onto 1n10.org

Oct. 6th – First Fridays

For more info log onto artlink.com

Oct 11th – National Coming Out Day

Oct. 12th – 1n10 Phoenix

Oct 16-20 – Ally Week!

Oct. 19th – 1n10 Phoenix

Oct. 26th – 1n10 Halloween Dance!

November

Nov. 2nd – 1n10 Phoenix

Nov. 3rd – First Fridays

Nov. 4th – GLSEN Youth Conference and QSpeak Theatre performance

Nov. 9th – 1n10 / QSpeak Theatre Benefit Performance of “Steppin’ Out”

Nov. 16th – 1n10 Phoenix

Nov. 20th – Transgender Day of Remembrance

Nov. 22rd – 1n10 Thanksgiving Celebration (no meeting on Thursday, Nov 23)

Nov. 30th – 1n10 Phoenix

December

Dec. 7 – 1n10 Phoenix

Dec. 14 – 1n10 Phoenix

Dec. 21 – 1n10 Holiday Party!

Dec. 28 – 1n10 Phoenix

January

Jan. 9 – Tuesday's in Tempe begin.

Community Corner

Written by
Celia W.

Hi ya'!!! I am sure you are wondering what it is you are going to find under this corner and I am here to tell you... Anything and everything I can get for you!

Are you looking for volunteer work? Are you in need of some community service hours? Or are you looking for work / employment? Well I have great news! I have some opportunities available here; just read below:

1. The Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF) is looking for you to join The A-Team!

The A-Team is a volunteer program for people like you to donate time, energy, and /or money in order to elect LGBY-friendly candidates in AZ. Applications are on your resource table or get more information by visiting www.ahrf.org or contact Amy Kobeta at 602-650-0909 or amyk@ahrf.org.

2. Volunteer Center of Maricopa County is looking for (2) positions. YES! TWO!

Team Leader for the After School and Weekend Program where you would help coordinate project sites, administering and collecting evaluations, recruit and train other youth volunteers for reading buddy teams and present this information to the community.

Team Leader for Reading Buddies Program includes coordinating and maintaining project sites, administering and collecting evaluations, recruit and train other youth volunteers for reading buddy teams and present this information to the community.

Qualifications: High school diploma or GED; at least 20 years of age; available to attend out-of-town trainings; background and fingerprint clearance; open weekends, after school and through out the week. Both positions require on average 15-20 hours per week.

For more info and/or app, contact Rachel Schuelke at Rachel.schuelke@volunteerphoenix.org or call 602-263-9746 X 870.

3. Caring Corps Leader – East Valley Senior Services (Mesa)

We need someone to match up volunteers with homebound senior clients who need small service to help them remain independent in their homes. This is a **FULL TIME POSITION with BENEFITS!** For more information, contact Linda Starr, Outreach Coordinator, at 480-962-5612 or lstarr@evseniorservices.org.

Didn't find anything you like? Drop your interests in the youth council box and I will look around to see what I can find, remember there will always be new opportunities on the 1n10 resource table!

Adios till next time!

Horoscopes

For the Guys- This month is going to be a lot of work, but it will defiantly pay off. Keep your head up high and always keep your eyes on your goals. Don't give up because something doesn't work out right the first time. If you're having problems with life, consult a friend, get it off your back, and grow from the experience. Learn what makes you, you and let your independence and intuition carry you through these next few months. This month will only help you grow in the end.

Your Song for this Month: *Move Along - The All-American Rejects*

"...Even when your hope is gone, Move Along, Move Along just to make it through!"

For the Girls- It may seem like nothing is right at this moment, and the stress is unbearable, but keep fighting through. Things may seem fuzzy and the answers may not always be Black and White in the end and that's ok. Keep up this month and don't procrastinate. Procrastination only brings more work later on and it may just be the death of a good thing. If the workload on your shoulders is too much, swallow your pride and don't be afraid to ask a friend for help. In the end, all your good work will show through and people will recognize your hard work.

Your Song This Month is: *I Want to Save You - Something Corporate*

"She wants someone to see her. She needs to hear she's beautiful... She's Beautiful..."

To Everyone- Well, life isn't slowing down anytime soon. At least not for now the work just keeps coming and stress is its closest companion but they will leave soon. When they Move Along things will slow down and the progress and hard work will finally be visible. No matter what is going on in your life, the outcome that you decide should make you happy. It is not always selfish to think about yourself in big decisions. At the end of the day, it's all about you. When you're lying in bed, about to wake up to another day, be happy about your accomplishments. Tell yourself you're beautiful every morning and every night. It's true.

Song of the Month- *Welcome to My Life - Simple Plan*

**"To be hurt
To feel lost
To be left out in the dark
To be kicked when you're down
To feel like you've been pushed around
To be on the edge of breaking down
And no one's there to save you
No you don't know what it's like
Welcome to my life..."**

Dear Jane...

By John K.

Dear Jane,

I was wondering how I could better the communication in my relationship with my girlfriend. The weekends we spend together seem to be great. But it seems when people get involved with our relationship, her and I fight. Is there anyway you can help me open up more to her to let her know I care deeply about her and will use your advice to help/better our relationship. Dude, I really need your advice, please help girl.

Love,
Soft Baby Butch

Dear Soft Baby Butch,

Often times, most fights are because of miscommunication or misunderstandings. People will often overlook the fact that there are two ways to communicate: verbal and non-verbal. What I would suggest is a simple exercise to try; sit your girlfriend down and ask her to write a letter to you about everything she is feeling right now, and tell her you will do the same. Then exchange letters and read them to yourselves. This allows and forces both of you to express all of your feelings while still really listening to what the other one has to say.

I would also suggest that you talk about these other people that are getting involved and causing conflict within your relationship. Together you can come up with a way to let your friends know that you expect them to treat you and your relationship with the same respect you would theirs. Your true friends will stay by your side and understand. Relationships take a lot of work, and problems can arise at any time. Just make sure that you are staying true to who you are. Follow your heart, and you won't be misguided.

Much love and respect,
Plain Jane Jones

1N10 Supporters!

We appreciate the support so much – Thanks for allowing us to continue our programs!

American Express - Sponsors of the 1n10 Casino Night!

Arizona Community Foundation – Tapestry Fund- ACF and its affiliates enhance the quality of life for the communities it serves throughout the state of Arizona and nationally.

Arizona Human Rights Fund- thanks for the tickets to the AHRF dinner – we had a blast!

Bears of the West – thanks for your recent donation!

BS West/Michael Fornelli- Also sponsors of the 1N10 Casino Night!

Church of the Beatitudes – generous grant allowed us to have a computer for our Youth Council!

Community Church of Hope- Location of our Phoenix Youth Group and office.

Daryl Rosen- Supporter of 1n10 Casino Night.

Digital Moxie Creative – We LOVE our new brochures – thanks for your donation!

Kellenberger Consulting, Inc & The Phoenix Philanthropy Group - Sponsors of the 1n10 Casino Night!

Kris Kollasch – Supporter of QSpeak Youth Theatre!

Movies on Central- Possibly the Valley's best source for classic, art and foreign films – and provided 1n10 the experience of a float at PRIDE 2006!

Nick Routson and Ed Slosky - Sponsors of the 1n10 Casino Night!

The Nina J. Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust- Helping 1n10 build capacity

PFLAG – thanks for your recent donation and your constant support!

San Marcos Resort- Supporter of the 1n10 Casino Night!

Stylists from Moments Salon on Camelback- Supporters of the 1n10 Casino Night!

Wells Fargo- Banking Company. An important funding source for 1n10.

Big Blue Box!?!?!?

What is the Big Blue Box?. Well I'm going to tell you. It was a Box "invented" so that you don't have to ask personal questions, comments or requests out loud. Basically all you do is write down your name, the helper's name and then the question, comment, problem, or concern. And the following Thursday if your question or problem isn't resolved the person you wrote it to will help you!. If it's just a comment and you don't want to put your name you don't have too. But remember the Big Blue Box is for Staff and Volunteers only!.

(It'll look something like this...)

Name:
Helper's Name:
Problem, Question, or Concern:

Small Pink Box?!

What's this about? A second box? What do you put in here? Why do we need a second box?

Well, youth council decided that it would be a good idea to make a second box for youth to drop comments, suggestions, concerns, or anything else you can think of! That way if you don't want the adults reading something – the youth on council will be the ones reading it! (Thank you Celia for decorating it and making it Fabulous!)

*The contents of The Small Pink Box are only read & looked at by the council members.